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H.B. No. 1121

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to instruction in accessible design in the curriculum for  
3 an architecture degree program offered by a public institution of  
4 higher education.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9721 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9721. ARCHITECTURE DEGREE PROGRAM INSTRUCTION IN  
9 ACCESSIBLE DESIGN. (a) In this section, "institution of higher  
10 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (b) The governing board of each institution of higher  
12 education that offers an undergraduate or graduate degree program  
13 in architecture shall include in the required curriculum for that  
14 degree program instruction regarding the requirements of the 2010  
15 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design or  
16 any successor standards that address accessible design of buildings  
17 or other facilities and are promulgated under the Americans with  
18 Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.).

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
20 to an undergraduate or graduate degree program in architecture  
21 offered by a public institution of higher education during an  
22 academic period that begins on or after the effective date of this  
23 Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.